WALLOON

« Quî èst-ce, mi mame? èt wice èst-i m'parintèdje? Et tapant 'ne loukeure so lès cis qu'èstit st-assiou åtoû d'lu, i' dèrit: « Vochal mi mame èt mès parints, ca c'èst l' ci qui fait l' volté dè bon Diu du'èst m'fré, mi soûr, et m'mame. » Mk. 3:33-35.

Romance. Roman alphabet. Spoken in southern Belgium and north-eastern France. Walloon is a Latin language and is akin to French but with certain Teutonic elements.

Walloon retains the Teutonic W which is pronounced variously V and F when used in Teutonic words, instead of the French G of GU. The letter W is pronounced in QU as in English, but these letters are sometimes spelled CU or COU in Walloon. CH is pronounced as CH in church. The sound of the letter S is retained before T and other consonants; otherwise Walloon pronunciation is similar to French.